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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSISTANCE MISSION FOR RWANDA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 173 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/48/828.

2. At its 57th and 60th meetings, on 29 and 31 March 1994, the Fifth Committee considered the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda". The Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda (A/48/837 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/908). Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.57 and 60).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/548/L.55

3. At the 60th meeting, on 31 March 1994, the representative of Cuba introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda" (A/C.5/48/L.55), which was submitted on the basis of informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.55 without a vote (see para. 5).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 872 (1993) of 5 October 1993, by which the Council established the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda for a period of six months, until 4 April 1994, subject to the proviso that it would be extended beyond the initial ninety days only upon a review by the Council based on a report from the Secretary-General as to whether or not substantive progress had been made towards the implementation of the Arusha peace agreement,

Bearing in mind also that, by the same resolution, the Security Council approved the proposal of the Secretary-General that the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda, established by the Council in its resolution 846 (1993) of 22 June 1993, should be integrated within the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda,

Noting that the integration of the United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda within the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda is purely administrative in nature and that it will in no way affect the mandate of the Observer Mission as set out in Security Council resolution 846 (1993),

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 893 (1994) of 6 January 1994, by which the Council reaffirmed its approval of the proposal of the Secretary-General concerning the deployment of the Assistance Mission as outlined in his report, 3/ including the early deployment of the second battalion to the demilitarized zone, as indicated in a subsequent report of the Secretary-General, 4/

Recalling its decision 48/479 of 23 December 1993 on the financing of the Assistance Mission,

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1/ A/48/837 and Corr.1.

2/ See A/48/908.

3/ S/26488 and Add.1.

4/ S/26927.

Recognizing that the costs of the Assistance Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Assistance Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Assistance Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Reaffirms its resolution 48/227 of 23 December 1993, and stresses the need for the Secretariat to submit budget documents on time in order to allow for a proper and thorough review and approval by the General Assembly of these budgets before their implementation;

2. Notes with satisfaction an improvement in the compliance by the Secretariat with certain General Assembly resolutions concerning the form of budget documents concerning peace-keeping operations;

3. Reaffirms the importance of the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions as an advisory body to the General Assembly in the budget process;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, and in particular to implement fully the economic, financial and efficiency measures to be approved during the resumed forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, and no later than 1 May 1994, and to report on the implementation of such measures in the context of the performance report relevant to the period;

6. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Assistance Mission promptly and in full;

7. Affirms that it expects that it will not be asked to take any future decisions on budgets for peace-keeping operations retroactively;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to explore all possibilities in order to ensure prompt reimbursement to troop-contributing countries;

9. Decides to appropriate to the special account referred to in General Assembly decision 48/479 an amount of 45,826,700 United States dollars gross (45,317,600 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 4.6 million dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, authorized and apportioned in accordance with General Assembly decision 48/479 for the maintenance of the Assistance Mission for the period from 5 October 1993 to 4 April 1994;

10. Decides also, with regard to the period beyond 4 April 1994, to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments at a monthly rate not to exceed 9,082,600 dollars gross per month for the period from 5 April to 31 October 1994, in connection with the maintenance of the Assistance Mission, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Assistance Mission beyond 4 April 1994, the said amount to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and decision 48/472 of 23 December 1993, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994 as set out in its resolutions 46/221 A of 20 December 1991 and 48/223 A of 23 December 1993, and its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992;

11. Decides further that there shall be set off against the assessments on Member States for the maintenance of the Assistance Mission beyond 4 April 1994 an amount of 5,293,300 dollars gross (5,160,400 dollars net), representing the balance of the apportionment made in accordance with General Assembly decision 48/479;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the performance report for the mandate period ending 4 April 1994 and the budget estimates corresponding to any new mandate period the Security Council may decide on no later than 31 August 1994;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Assistance Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda".